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CERTIFIED MAIL  
RETURN RECEIPT REQUESTED

Food and Drug Administration  
7200 Lake Ellenor Drive  
Orlando, FL 32809

Ref: Customs Entry No. PX4-0014444-8  
Product: Cantaloupe Melons

WARNING LETTER

FLA-98-25

February 3, 1998

Mr. Ross Schmidt  
Import Manager  
Soltech, Inc.  
1751 S.W. 8th Street  
Pompano Beach, Florida 33069

Dear Mr. Schmidt:

The Food and Drug Administration (FDA) attempted to examine a shipment of cantaloupe melons offered for entry into the United States by your firm on December 2, 1997, under the above referenced entry number, and found that the shipment was not available. Regulation Title 21, Code of Federal Regulations (CFR), Part 1.90, requires the importer to hold an entry intact pending receipt of a "May Proceed Notice" or "Release Notice" from FDA. We have requested the U. S. Customs Service (Customs) to order redelivery of this shipment (copy enclosed).

Failure to promptly correct this violation and prevent future violations may result in regulatory action without further notice such as seizure, injunction, or automatic detention of future shipments. It is your responsibility, as the importer, to ensure that imported products meet all requirements of the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act and the regulations promulgated thereunder.

We request a response in writing within fifteen (15) working days of receipt of this letter of the specific steps you have taken to correct the violation, including an explanation of each step being taken to prevent the recurrence of the violation. In addition, you should inform Customs and FDA if and when redelivery is accomplished.

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Your written reply should be addressed to the Food and Drug Administration, Attention: Paul R. Bagdikian, Compliance Officer, P. O. Box 59-2256, Miami, Florida 33159-2256.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Douglas D. Tolen". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned above the printed name and title.

Douglas D. Tolen  
Director, Florida District

Enclosure